

New Paltz Central School District Board of Education
Minutes – March 22, 2017 Business Meeting/Community Budget Forum – High School 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Meeting was called to order at 6:17 PM by Aimee Hemminger, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

Brian Cournoyer
Alison Easton
Steven Greenfield
Aimee Hemminger
Michael O'Donnell-arrived at 6:30 PM
Sophia Skiles
Matthew Williams

ALSO PRESENT:

Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business

ROLL CALL

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The roll was called as reflected above.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Motion made by Matthew Williams and seconded by Allison Easton that the Board of Education move into Executive Session at 6:17 PM for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the employment of a particular person, discussing the employment history of a particular person, and discussing matters made exempt by FERPA. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEMPORE

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Board President, Aimee Hemminger, appointed Maria C. Rice as District Clerk Pro-Tempore for the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

Out of Executive Session - Motion made by Brian Cournoyer and seconded by Sophia Skiles that the Board return to Public Session at 6:59 PM. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

CALL TO ORDER

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The Public Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Aimee Hemminger, Board President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

QUORUM CHECK

Brian Cournoyer
Alison Easton
Steven Greenfield
Aimee Hemminger
Michael O'Donnell
Sophia Skiles
Matthew Williams

ALSO PRESENT:

Maria Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Barbara Clinton, Principal, New Paltz Central High School
Antonia Woody, Director of Physical Education, Health, Athletics & Health Services
Dusti Callo, District Clerk
Members of the Public and Press

ROLL CALL The roll was called as reflected above.

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PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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AGENDA CHANGES

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None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

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➤ Immigration Resolution Discussion

Motion made by Steven Greenfield and seconded by Brian Cournoyer to approve the following resolution:

4.1 Resolution Regarding the Immigration Status of Students

WHEREAS, every child, regardless of immigration status, has the right to access a free public education, grades kindergarten through 12 in accordance with Article 11 of the New York State Constitution, and the New Paltz Central School District (hereinafter “the District”) supports that right; and

WHEREAS, the District has a legal responsibility to ensure that all students who reside within its boundaries, regardless of immigration status, and others as required by law, have the opportunity to attend school in the District; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agencies maintain policies that avoid enforcement actions at schools and school bus stops; and

WHEREAS, federal immigration law enforcement activities on or around District property and transportation routes -- whether by surveillance, interview, demand for information, arrest, detention, or any other means -- disrupts the learning environment to which all students, regardless of immigration status, are entitled; and

WHEREAS, Federal immigration law enforcement activities could potentially interfere with the ability of all students, U.S. citizens and immigrants, alike, to fully access a free public education and feel safe in their school environment; and

WHEREAS, through its policies and practices, the District has made a commitment to a quality education for all students, which includes a safe and stable learning environment, means of transportation to and from school sites, the preservation of classroom hours for educational instruction, and the requirement of school attendance; and

WHEREAS, educational personnel are often the primary sources of support, resources, and information to assist students and student learning, which includes their social and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to complying with existing state and federal law;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that consistent with New York State Education Department (SED) regulations and guidance, the District, when registering students, will not ask questions or request information that may reveal the student’s immigration status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any staff or faculty member that receives a request from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office (ICE) or any other federal immigration authority regarding a student or students will take no action, and will immediately forward the request to the Superintendent for review by the Superintendent, school district attorneys, and the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will not allow law enforcement to interview, interrogate, or remove a student from school property without the consent of the student’s parent or guardian, except under limited circumstances (e.g., presentation of a valid arrest warrant or court order); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District, will comply with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) with regard to the release of student information to any immigration authorities and will consult with the school attorneys with regard to compliance with FERPA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District is committed to addressing incidents of immigration-related harassment, bullying, and discrimination pursuant to the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA).

Motion carried 7 to 0 as amended with 7 members voting.

PERSONNEL (CONSENT AGENDA)

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Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams that the Board of Education approve personnel (consent agenda) resolution item 5.1:

5.1 Non-Instructional Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following non-instructional employee for the purpose of retirement:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Years in District
George Wirthmann	School Bus Driver	02/28/2017	13

The board members thanked Mr. Wirthmann for his service to the New Paltz Central School District. Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Matthew Williams to approve personnel items 5.2 through 5.7.

5.2 Non-Instructional Resignation

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the resignation of the following non-instructional employee:

Name	Title	Effective Date
Steve Wilson	School Bus Driver	02/21/2017

5.3 Non-Instructional Appointments - Substitutes

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following employees:

Name	Title	Effective Date	Salary
Andrea Zapotoski	Substitute Clerical	03/06/2017	\$13.61/hr
Clancy Vos	Substitute Teacher Aide	03/09/2017	\$10.66/hr
Howard Northrop Jr.	Substitute Custodial Worker	02/28/2017	\$13.00/hr

5.4 Instructional Appointment-Substitutes

Recommendation that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following substitute teachers with remuneration as per rates established at the July 13, 2016 Organizational Meeting:

Name	Effective Dates
Miriah Brustein	3/16/17 – 6/30/17
Colleen Roemer	3/16/17 – 6/30/17
Kristen Skovan	3/16/17 – 6/30/17
Sara Kushner	3/16/17 – 6/30/17

5.5 Home Tutor

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following employee for the 2016-2017 school year:

Name
John A. Binaso

5.6 Coaching Appointments

The New Paltz Central Schools Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint the following coaches for the 2016/2017 school year, with remuneration as per NPUT contract:

Name	Title	Stipend
Justin Finnegan	JV Girls Lacrosse	\$3,280
Renee Salamone	Assistant Track Coach	unpaid

5.7 Administrative Leave of Absence

Recommendation - that the New Paltz Central School District Board of Education, upon the recommendation of Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools, does hereby approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following administrative employee:

Name	Title	Effective Dates
Tracey Shaffer	Director of Technology	3/18/2017-5/31/2017

Motion to approved personnel items 5.2 through 5.7 carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

COMMUNITY BUDGET FORUM

Wednesday, March 22, 2017
High School Audion 7:15 PM

AGENDA

7:15 p.m. **Welcome**
Aimee Hemminger, *Board of Education President*

7:20 p.m. **Budget Presentation**
Maria C. Rice, Superintendent of Schools
Richard Linden, Assistant Superintendent for Business

The budget presentation included a proposed 2017-2018 school budget with a 2.4 percent tax levy increase.

7:30 p.m. **Open Dialog**
Questions, comments and recommendations are encouraged.

Community members will be accommodated to voice their questions and comments in an efficient process. Questions and comments will be limited to three minutes to allow for everyone to be heard.

Members of the Board of Education and Administrative Staff will address questions, comments and recommendations, or provide clarifications as needed or may be appropriate.

The following individuals provided comments and suggestions regarding the proposed 2017-2018 school budget:

Ruth Quinn, Esopus
Daniel Torres, Town of New Paltz
Karen Edelman, Esopus
Glenn Gare, Modena
Stana Weisburd, New Paltz
Cathy Sanchez, New Paltz
Donna Eis, New Paltz

Varsity Baseball Team members Nick Messina, Chris Massaro, Adam Stope, Joe DeMarco and Aaron Murphy commented on the need for a head coach to be appointed for the Varsity Baseball Team.

Members of the board directed Superintendent Maria Rice and Assistant Superintendent for Business Richard Linden to create a menu of items for possible reduction to take the proposed budget to the 1.2 percent tax levy limit in the event that voters may not pass a 2.4 percent tax levy increase. The board also directed that items included on the proposed 2.4 percent tax levy increase budget be re-examined for any possible additional reductions. The board further requested that this information be provided to them in advance of the April 5, 2017 Board of Education Meeting when the board is scheduled to adopt a budget.

Board President Aimee Hemminger announced the conclusion of the Community Budget Forum.

ADJOURN

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Motion made by Alison Easton and seconded by Brian Cournoyer that the Board adjourn at 9:04 PM.
Motion carried 7 to 0 with 7 members voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dusti Callo
District Clerk